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SUBJECT: ERITREA - PARTIAL LIFTING OF TRAVEL BAN

REF A. ASMARA 402; B. ASMARA 820

1. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY, I PLAN, EFFECTIVE NOV. 23, TO PARTIALLY LIFT THE BAN THAT WAS IMPOSED ON ROAD TRAVEL BY OFFICIAL AMERICANS IN ERITREA LAST MAY. THE INCIDENT THAT PRECIPITATED THE IMPOSING OF THE BAN WAS THE KIDNAPPING BY THE ELF OF TWO NURSES FROM THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY HOSPITAL IN GHINDA.

2. I PLAN TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL BY ALL OFFICIAL AMERICANS, INCLUDING CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AT KAGNEW AND STONEHOUSE UNDER CONTRACT TO THE US NAVY, TO TRAVEL BY ROAD FROM ASMARA TO MASSAWA, AND FROM ASMARA VIA ADI UGRI - ADUA - AKSUM - GONDAR - AND SOUTH TO ADDIS ABABA. I PLAN TO RETAIN THE BAN ON ANY TRAVEL BY ROAD NORTH AND WEST TO KEREN, AGORDAT, AND OTHER POINTS IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SUDAN BORDER. THE BAN WILL ALSO BE MAINTAINED ON TRAVEL SOUTH FROM ASMARA ON THE ROAD PASSING THROUGH SENAFA, MEKELE, AND SOUTH VIA DESE, TO ADDIS ABABA. I DISCUSSED THESE PROPOSALS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TODAY, AND HE CONCURRED IN A RETENTION OF THE BAN ON TRAVEL NORTH AND WEST, AND ON TRAVEL SOUTH ON THE  
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MEKELE ROAD, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO CONTINUING HARASSMENT BY SHIFTAS

AND INSURGENTS.

3. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING WORKED OUT FOR THE NOTIFICATION TO THE CONSULATE OF DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL BY THOSE TRAVELLING. NO ONE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL ALONE. A MINIMUM OF TWO CARS MUST TRAVEL TOGETHER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS, NO TRAVEL WILL BE AUTHORIZED AFTER DARK.

4. I SHALL, OF COURSE, REIMPOSE A TOTAL BAN ON ROAD TRAVEL SHOULD EVIDENCE OF INSURGENT ACTIVITY REQUIRE IT. I BELIEVE THIS PARTIAL RELAXATION WILL HAVE A VERY UPLIFTING MORALE EFFECT.  
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